

agency. Since 1995, Web has been assigned to SSA's Legislative Affairs Office in Washington. He was selected to serve in his current position as Associate Commissioner of Legislative Development in February 1999.

The staff of the Finance Committee has had the pleasure of working with Web on many issues relating to Social Security during his tenure at SSA. He has always been resourceful, insightful, and forthcoming.

Web will retire from the Social Security Administration on July 3, 2007. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues and his many friends on the Hill. He will leave behind the numerous individuals he has mentored and encouraged over the years and who will now carry on this work.

Both Senator GRASSLEY and I feel that it is important that we in Congress recognize the many women and men who devote their working lives to improving the lives of others. Career civil servants often do their work in quiet anonymity behind the scenes providing vital service to the American people. They are rarely recognized for their many contributions. Webster Phillips is one of those people. His record of leadership at the Social Security Administration and his commitment to providing the American people with effective and compassionate service is a record of which he can be justly proud.

Senator GRASSLEY and I wish Web all the best in his retirement from Federal service and thank him for his many years of dedicated service.●

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BYRD:

S. 1633. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefield and related sites of the Battle of Shepherdstown in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, as part of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park or Antietam National Battlefield, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1634. A bill to implement further the Act approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1635. A bill to provide for the reimbursement of wildland firefighters for the cost of professional liability insurance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN):

S. 1636. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently allow penalty-free withdrawals from retirement plans for individuals called to active duty for at least 179 days; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1637. A bill to establish a geothermal heat pump technology acceleration program relating to General Services Administration facilities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr.

HATCH, Mr. REID, Mr. MCCONNELL,

Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1638. A bill to adjust the salaries of Federal justices and judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 57

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 57, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 311

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 311, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 439

At the request of Mr. REID, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 439, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit certain retired members of the uniformed services who have a service-connected disability to receive both disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability and either retired pay by reason of their years of military service or Combat-Related Special Compensation.

S. 442

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 442, a bill to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders.

S. 871

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 871, a bill to establish and provide for the treatment of Individual Development Accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 901

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 901, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act.

S. 1172

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1172, a bill to reduce hunger in the United States.

S. 1175

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1175, a bill to end the use of child soldiers in hostilities around the world, and for other purposes.

S. 1233

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1233, a bill to provide and enhance intervention, rehabilitative treatment, and services to veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

S. 1285

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) and the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) were added as cosponsors of S. 1285, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1432

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1432, a bill to amend the Food Stamp Act of 1977 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve access to healthy foods, and for other purposes.

S. 1618

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1618, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the production of a cellulosic biofuel.

S. RES. 215

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 215, a resolution designating September 25, 2007, as "National First Responder Appreciation Day".

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 236, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of the National Anthem Project, which has worked to restore America's voice by re-teaching Americans to sing the national anthem.

AMENDMENT NO. 1572

At the request of Mr. SALAZAR, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) were added as cosponsors of amendment No. 1572